

# HIGHLANDS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### 2023-2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.

**WORSHIP**  
SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

**COMMUNITY MINISTRIES HOSPITALITY**  
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND FRIDAYS 8:30 TO 10:00 A.M.

## FALL 2023

### ONGOING EVENTS 2023-2024

#### Front Door Sundays

##### First Sundays of the Month

Enter the Sanctuary through the front lawn doors to increase neighborhood visibility.

#### Third Sunday Potlucks

Good food and warm fellowship! Bring your favorite entree, side dish, or dessert, or make a donation to help purchase paper products and beverages.

*No potluck in December, February, or May.*

#### Youth Group Meetings

Sundays 5:00-6:30 p.m.

#### Ladies' Coffee Nights

Monthly on a Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

#### Men's Fellowship Meals

Monthly on a Friday at 11:30 a.m.

#### Lunch at the WE Cafe

Monthly on the third Thursday. WE Cafe is located at Urban Ministry in West End. Carpool from Highlands at 11:15 a.m. or meet at the cafe at 11:30 a.m.

- August 4-7** Youth Weekend
- August 13** Blessing of the Backpacks - 10:30 a.m.  
After Church Cook-out - 11:45 a.m.
- August 17** Holy Grounds: Coffee with the Staff at Filter Coffee - 2:00 p.m.
- August 26** Acolyte Training & Lock-In
- August 27** Church Council Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
- September 4** Labor Day - Church Office and CDC Closed
- September 10** Fall Sunday School & Atrium begins - 9:30 a.m.  
Children & Family Social - 3:00 p.m.
- September 17** Third Sunday Potluck - 11:45 a.m.
- September 24** Third Grade Bible Presentation - 10:30 a.m.
- October 1** World Communion Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
- October 7** Blessing of the Animals at Pepper Place
- October 13-14** Enneagram Workshop
- October 15** Children's Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Third Sunday Potluck - 11:45 a.m.
- October 20** UAB Choirs Concert
- October 29** Halloween Carnival and Lunch - 11:45 a.m.
- November 1** Choral Eucharist for All Saints Day - 6:30 p.m.
- November 5** All Saints Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Children & Family Social - 3:00 p.m.
- November 10** Veteran's Day - Church Office and CDC Closed  
Children's Service Project - 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- November 19** Stewardship Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Third Sunday Potluck - 11:45 a.m.  
Organ Recital - 3:00 p.m.
- November 21** Southside Faith Community Thanksgiving Service - Location TBA
- November 23** Community Ministries Thanksgiving Meal
- November 23-24** Thanksgiving Holiday - Church Office and CDC Closed
- November 26** Reign of Christ Sunday

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2023

### SERVICE

#### Festival of the Three Kings December 9

Make Christmas joyful for children in need. Wish lists will be available late November/early December.

#### Children's Service Project December 19 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Children age 4 and up are invited for an afternoon of service. Drop off and pick up in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Community Christmas Meal December 25

Share the joy of the holiday season! Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve.

### WORSHIP, STUDY, AND FELLOWSHIP

- Nov. 26 - Dec. 17** Adult Advent Sunday School Class - Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- December 3** First Sunday in Advent - 10:30 a.m.  
Service of Lessons and Carols - 4:00 p.m.
- December 10** Second Sunday of Advent - 10:30 a.m.  
With members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra
- December 17** Third Sunday of Advent - 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Christmas Pageant
- December 18** Youth Group Christmas Party
- December 24** Christmas Eve  
Children and Family Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Music of Christmas Choral Concert at 4:30 p.m.  
Communion and Candle Lighting at 5:00 p.m.
- December 25-26** Christmas Holiday - Church Office and CDC Closed
- December 31** Christmas Lessons and Carols & Epiphany Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

# WINTER 2024

## SAVE THE DATE

### Church Retreat

February 16-18, 2024

Join us Presidents Day Weekend for a church family retreat at Camp Sumatanga. Adults, kids, youth, families, empty nesters, singles, and everyone in between is welcome & invited!

- January 1** *New Year's Day Holiday - Church Office and CDC Closed*
- January 6** *Children & Family Social - 3:00 p.m.*
- January 7** *Baptism of the Lord Sunday*
- January 15** *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Church Office and CDC Closed*
- January 21** *Third Sunday Potluck - 11:45 a.m.*
- February 11** *Transfiguration Sunday  
Church Council Meeting - 11:45 a.m.*
- February 16-18** *Church Retreat at Camp Sumatanga*
- February 18** *Choral Evensong - 4:00 p.m.*
- February 19** *Presidents Day - Church Office and CDC Closed  
Children's Service Project - 1:00 p.m.*
- February 23-25** *Discovery Weekend Youth Retreat*

# LENT AND EASTER 2024

## EVENTS

**Children & Family Social - March 9**

**St. Patrick's Day Parade  
March 16**

Celebrate the Luck O' the Irish with our neighbors in Five Points South.

**Third Sunday Potluck - March 17**

**Church Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt  
March 23**

Our annual tradition! Join us for food, fellowship, an Easter egg hunt for the kids, and an Easter bonnet contest for all ages! Location TBA.

**Church Office Closed - April 1**

## WORSHIP

**Sundays** *Lenten Worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
February 18 and 25; March 3, 10, 17, and 24*

**Tuesdays** *Lenten Midday Communion and Lunch - Noon  
February 20 and 27; March 5, 12, 19, and 26*

**February 14** *Ash Wednesday  
Services at Noon and 6:30 p.m.*

**February 18** *Service of Choral Evensong - 4:00 p.m.*

**March 24** *Palm Sunday  
Palm Procession from Brother Bryan Park - 10:15 a.m.*

**March 28** *Maundy Thursday  
Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar - 6:30 p.m.*

**March 29** *Good Friday  
Liturgy of the Passion - Noon  
Service of Tenebrae - 6:30 p.m.*

**March 31** *Easter Sunday  
Children and Family Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Celebration of the Resurrection - 10:30 a.m.*

# SPRING AND SUMMER 2024

**April 12** *UAB Choirs Concert*

**April 21** *Third Sunday Potluck*

**April 28** *Church Council Meeting*

**May 5** *Youth Sunday and Luncheon*

**May 12** *Mother's Day & Blessing of the Infants*

**May 18** *Children & Family Social*

**May 19** *Pentecost Sunday & Atrium Graduation Reception*

**May 26** *Trinity Sunday*

**May 27** *Memorial Day - Church Office and CDC Closed*

**June 2-7** *Youth Summer Mission Trip (tentative)*

**June 7** *CDC Silent Auction*

**June 8-9** *Pride Parade and Pride Fest*

**June 16** *Father's Day & After Church Cook-out*

**June 19** *Juneteenth - Church Office and CDC Closed*

**June 21** *CDC Graduation*

**July 4** *Independence Day - Church Office and CDC Closed*

**July 7** *Hymn Sing Sunday*

**July 21** *After Church Cook-out*

**July 22-26** *Vacation Bible School*

**August 2-5** *Youth Weekend*

**August 11** *Blessing of the Backpacks*

**August 18** *After Church Cook-out & Church Council Meeting*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

For the most up-to-date information on church worship services, fellowship meals, special events, study groups, and outreach opportunities, visit

[www.highlandsumc.net/calendar](http://www.highlandsumc.net/calendar)

You can also access the church calendar through the ShelbyNext Online Directory. Contact the church office for assistance with access.

**Did you know that anyone can add an event to the church calendar? It's true!**

If you would like to host a small group gathering, fellowship meal or outing, or if you have an idea for a study opportunity or whole-church event, we would love to talk with you! Contact Mary Elizabeth Neal at [maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net](mailto:maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net).